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1. [redacted] the milling industry in Yugoslavia has until recently attained its target figures to the full 100 percent. Lately, official mention has been made of a 73.3 percentage performance. Within the Yugoslav Communist Party, however, it has been admitted that even this is a faked figure which does not correspond to the facts, and the following reasons for the defective operation of the Five Year Plan in this respect have been given:

- a. Many mills are now defective owing to lack of cleaning and maintenance. Neglect has been caused by a shortage of mechanics.
- b. The supply of sacks is inadequate.
- c. Supplies of cereals have fallen below the required level.
- d. In January and February the mills received too little coal to keep them in operation.

2. On 24 February in Serbia alone, 27 mills had to close down. In considering this figure it should be borne in mind that Serbia's milling industry was never on a large scale and that the country's largest and most numerous mills are situated in the Backa and in the Banat.

3. The following figures, covering a [redacted] recent period of two months, show the quantities of fuel ordered by the milling industry and those actually delivered by individual suppliers:

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Supplier	Quantity ordered Tons	Quantity delivered Tons
Aleksinac Mine	1,000	70
Kolubara Mine	5,500	1,430
Banovici Mine	1,000	197

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4. In addition, 4,925 cubic meters of firewood were ordered recently from Goce near Kraljevo for delivery over a period of three months to local flour mills. The amount delivered in this period amounted only to 1,731 cubic meters.
5. The mills are suffering from scarcity of spare parts. As the latter are mainly of Hungarian and Czechoslovak manufacture no relief can be expected and some of the machinery is being dismantled to provide spares for other mills.

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